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Docket No.: 826.1570

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

Serial No. 09/432,113

Group Art Unit: 2672

Confirmation No. 9639

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Examiner: Chante E. Harrison

For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE

MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 16, 2004. A Petition for a Third Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to June 16, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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